

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	Mehdi Vaez-Iravani et al.		
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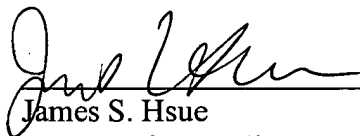
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designation/elected Office (DO/EO/US), such extension allowing the undersigned until January 24, 2004 to respond.

A check is enclosed that includes the amount of \$420.00 for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,


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